



NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Marine Safety

Athena 106

Limited Oversight of Vessels Not Subject to Inspection

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Areas of Oversight

- USCG and OSHA
- Towing Vessel Safety

Types of Vessels

- Two barges
 - *Athena 106* and *IBR-234*
- Towing vessel
 - *Miss Megan*

Oversight Agencies

- Coast Guard
- OSHA
- MACOSH

USCG and OSHA

- Memorandum of understanding
- OSHA instruction of 1996

OSHA Actions After Accident

- OSHA investigation
- Citation
- Athena and OSHA agreement

USCG and OSHA

- Uninspected vessel safety
- Agreement between USCG and OSHA should reflect changes
- Industry should be informed

Towing Vessel Safety

Previous Board action addressing
need for safety management
systems (M-00-10)

Coast Guard and Maritime
Transportation Act of 2004

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- Towing vessels subject to inspection
- Towing safety management system
- Regulations will apply to vessels like *Miss Megan*

Summary

Towing Vessel Regulations and Safety Management Systems

- Assist Coast Guard and industry
- Provide safe operating practices
- Implement safeguards
- Improve management
- Ensure compliance



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